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Mission

To help residents of inner cities improve the quality of their lives to reflect individual God-given dignity and personal achievement.

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Throughout U.S.
history, good men
have warned us.

When will we learn?

"There was never a good war or a bad peace."

Benjamin Franklin

"War is hell!"

William Tecumseh Sherman

"When people speak to you about preventive war, you tell them to go and fight it. After my experience, I have come to hate war. War settles nothing."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

"I know war... and nothing is more revolving... its very destructiveness on both friend and foe has rendered it useless as a means of settling international disputes."

Douglas McArthur

"Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind."

John F. Kennedy

Suffer the Little Ones...

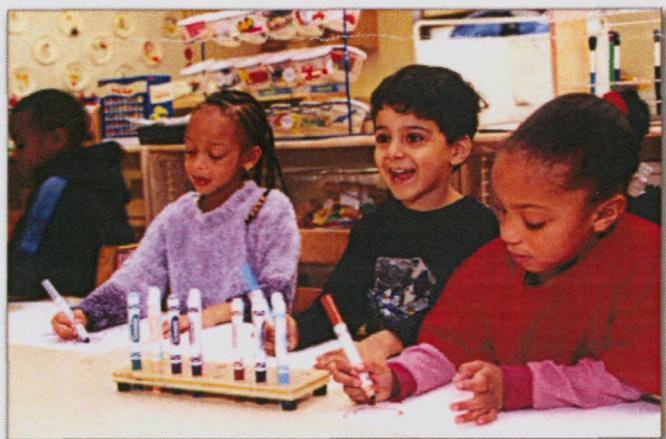
New Community needs social-minded institutions willing to invest in Newark's children.

Certainly in Newark, if not in every urban area, Early Learning Centers are recognized as one of the keys to life-long learning.

To level the proverbial playing field, urban area children need and deserve the same advantages as the suburban area children. Because of his strong belief in this fact, Msgr. Linder is planning to build three more Centers in addition to the NCC Community Hills Early Learning Center which opened in March 2001. NCC Centers' programs will provide the community with high quality, age-appropriate education and care programs. Also, NCC is committed to the active involvement of the low income families in the Center's on-going programs.

Newark has the third highest infant death rate in the State as well as a very high incidence of low birth weight babies and infant death/neonatal death/post-natal. Family education is essential to changing these statistics.

Interestingly, while the State has mandated (Abbot vs. Burke State Supreme Court) that the Newark School District must initiate pre-school education, it refuses to allocate funds for building. Only the administration and maintenance of the Centers are financed.



Children at play at NCC Early Learning Center

Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland (CFPNI)

Fostering understanding between Catholic and Protestant Teenagers of Northern Ireland

While part of the peace initiative delegation to Ireland, Msgr. Linder met Ian Young, founder of CFPNI. This project is a peace and friendship-building program that fosters understanding between the Catholic and Protestant teenagers of Northern Ireland and their families and friends.

Potential future leaders are selected and paired in cross-cultural teams to spend four weeks in the summer in an American home where, in a neutral environment, they can focus on their commonalities rather than their differences. Msgr. Linder, after much persuasion, agreed to sit on the Board of Directors of CFPNI. Mr. Young, like Msgr. Linder in Newark, has spearheaded job training and community initiatives substantially lowering unemployment in Derry. His efforts to promote business development in Northern Ireland merited acknowledgement from Queen Elizabeth.

Ian Young and Msgr. Linder are men of the same stripe—doers who are committed to their respective missions.



Ian Young, Vice Chair of CFPNI

**35
YEARS
of PEOPLE &
PASSION &
PROGRESS**

The theme for the Celebration of NCC's 35th Anniversary could not be more appropriate.

People—Msgr. Linder and his caring and daring Parish Council in 1967-8; the suburban Jaycees; hordes of volunteers from Newark and upper Counties; the believers in the dream to build a new community in Newark; the generosity of the NCC Foundation over the years; the hundreds of NCC employees from 1973 (first paid employee) to 2003.

Passion – Msgr. Linder with his boundless enthusiasm and desire to make Newark a proud and prosperous City once again; the innumerable number of people who caught the spark and worked with NCC toward its present status; the ardent concern for the dignity and needs of the least fortunate; etc.

Progress

- Msgr. Linder and his 24/7 work ethic (He agrees with the old bromide
- “If I rest, I rust”). Therefore, the development of housing (original plan); the inclusion of social services and programs to keep housing/residents stabilized; the recognition of need for nursing home and health care especially for seniors; the ever-burgeoning need for health care workers sparked the LPN program; the failure of the Newark School System actuated NCC's Early Learning Center, etc.

Hillary Jury

Hillary Jury became an official employee of NCC's Development Department in 2001. Unofficially she spent several years "helping out."

When she was ten months old, Hillary and her parents moved to Scranton, PA where she spent her early school days. When Hunter College beckoned, Hillary moved to New York City and received her BA in English/Urban Studies in 1995. In May 2003, she will receive her J. D. from Rutgers University, N.J. (Hillary credits Msgr. Linder for encouraging her to pursue a law degree).

Prior to coming to NCC, Hillary worked with the family film and video business. When her father, Mark, contracted to do the NCC video, Faith, Hope and Leverage, Hillary was quietly doing set-up, research, editing, etc, which are vital for truth in motion.

Ultimately NCC Directors recognized this young (thirty something) "pearl of great price" and invited Hillary to join the NCC family. In the Development Department she is involved in grant writing, project oversight, working with architects and construction personnel, networking with other NCC departments, on-call to help anyone in need, and general factotum for the Corporation.

Outside of her job as Development Officer, Hillary arranges the Christmas Drive for gifts for residents and neighborhood children; encourages volunteers to help seniors move into the new NCC Orange Senior Residence; helps on weekends to orient college students who volunteer to spend their Spring break working with our residents; organizes a Summer Concert Series for residents; mentors neighborhood youth; sits on Communication and Marketing Team; involved in graphics for St. Rose School fund-raising journal; education and advocating for citizens to vote.

Reading, her "job," and studying for the Bar Exam are presently Hillary's only "hobbies." However, she never fails to remember birthdays, anniversaries, gift giving, and special events"— a trait coveted by many.

Hillary Jury epitomizes the generous, indefatigable, cheerful, and concerned young American. Her favorite quote is one of John F. Kennedy — "We will neglect our cities to our peril, for in neglecting them we neglect the nation."



Hillary mentors neighborhood youth

Social Investment

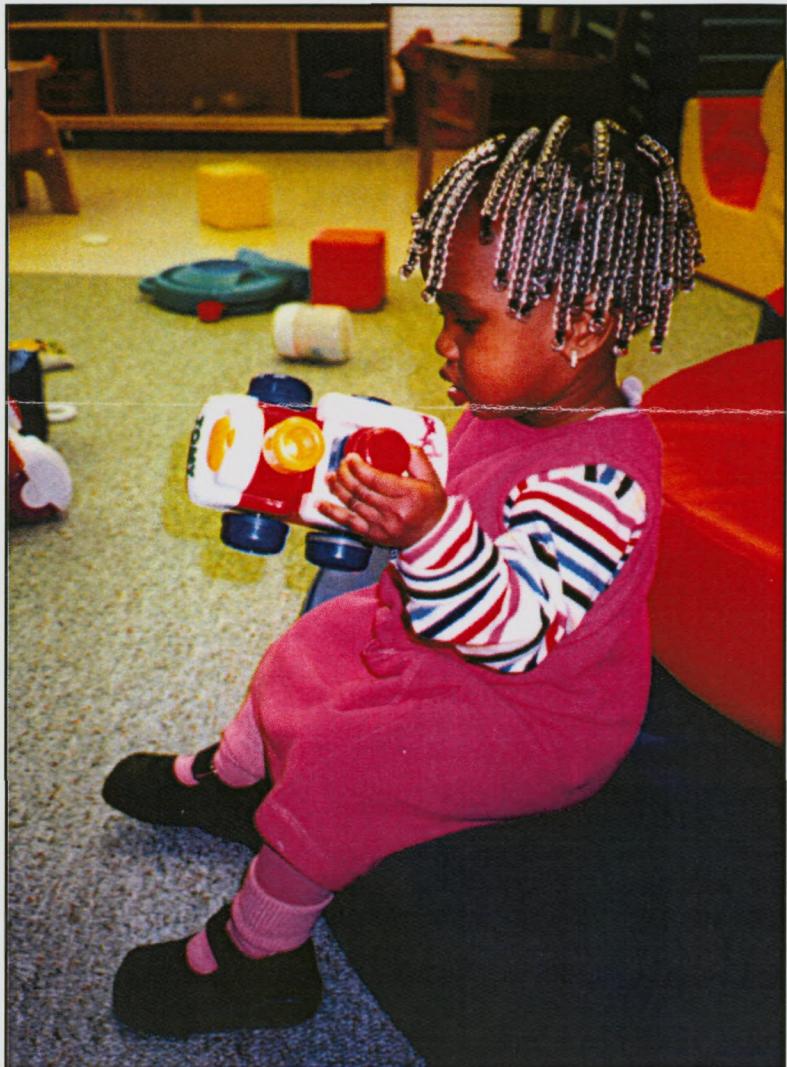
You are invited and encouraged to invest in NCC.

We need your help to stem the tide of illiteracy which can translate into child abuse in Newark's youth. Early Learning Centers will insure quality care in an environment that is safe, comfortable, and caring.

The Abbot Mandate (State Supreme Court Abbot vs. Burke case—The Newark School District must initiate universal pre-school education) will help us to manage the program.

Help us to build more Early Learning Centers.

Remember, NCC continues to offer an 8% return on your investment.



Happy toddler at the Early Learning Center

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